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SUBJ: GENERAL SPINOLA ANNOUNCES JUNTA'S PROGRAM IN TC ADDRESS

1. GENERAL SPINOLA, APPEARING ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AT 0130 LOCAL TIME APRIL 26, READ TO NATION PROGRAM OF JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION. SPINOLA FLANKED BY 5 OF JUNTA'S OTHER 6 MEMBERS (SEVENTH OUT OF COUNTRY).

2. SPINOLA BEGAN FIVE-MINUTE PREPARED ADDRESS BY NOTING HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ARMED FORCES, WHICH HAD GIVEN HIM ITS MANDATE TO LEAD PORTUGAL
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TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT TRUE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

JUNTA, PROMISED SPINOLA, WILL GUARANTEE PORTUGAL'S SURVIVAL AS A SOVEREIGN AND PLURICONTINENTAL COUNTRY. IT WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN PERMITTING ALL CURRENTS OF OPINION FULL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE FORMATION OF "CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS" WHICH WILL PRODUCE OPINION GROUPS AND FACILITATE FREE ELECTIONS (BY DIRECT SUFFRAGE) OF A CONSTITUENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND LATER OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC.

3. SPINOLA DECLARED JUNTA WILL ABSTAIN FROM ANY POLITICAL ATTITUDE WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH FREE ELECTIONS AND TASK OF FUTURE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND WILL ENSURE THAT OTHER FORCES DO NOT INTERFERE AS WELL. JUNTA WILL LIMIT ITS ACTIONS TO GUARANTEE OF PERSONAL CIVIL LIBERTIES "SET OUT IN INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS" AND MAINTENANCE PUBLIC ORDER. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES WILL BE HONORED.

4. GOAL OF JUNTA WILL BE TO BRING COUNTRY, IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE, TO GOVERN ITSELF BY INSTITUTIONS OF ITS OWN CHOOSING. AFTER ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, JUNTA WILL RETURN POWER TO CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

5. JUNTA MEMBERS ARE COMPETENT AND RESPECTED PROFESSIONALS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE SERVED WITH SPINOLA. WITH EXCEPTION OF SPINOLA AND COSTA GOMES THEY ARE NOT NATIONALLY KNOWN. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW DIRECT THEIR ROLE WAS IN MILITARY REBELLION. BIO INFORMATION, FROM DEFENSE ATTACHE AND EMBASSY SOURCES (IN ADDITION TO SPINOLA):

A) CAPTAIN JOAO BAPTISTA PINHEIRO AZEVEDO, (AGE 51): FORMER PORTUGUESE NAVAL ATTACHE IN UK (1968-71), FORMER PROFESSOR AT NAVAL ACADEMY. SERVED ON NAVAL STAFF IN AFRICA, AND SINCE AUGUST 1972 HAS BEEN COMMANDER OF CONTINENTAL MARINE FORCE. AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAL CLUB WAS SPONSOR OF READINGS OF LIBERAL POETRY BANNED BY GOVERNMENT DURING PAST YEAR.

B) GENERAL FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES, (AGE 60): FORMER CINC IN ANGOLA (1970-2), FIRED AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMED FORCES ON MARCH 14, 1974 FOR HIS SUPPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS THEN DEPUTY, SPINOLA. PREVIOUSLY SUBSECRETARY ARMY (1958-61); COMMANDER IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND ARMY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL (1969-70).

C) BRIG. JAIME SILVERIO MARQUES, (AGE 60): CAREER ARMY ENGINEER, BROTHER OF RIGHTIST GENERAL SILVINO SILVERIO MARQUES. SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF, MILITARY COMMAND OF INDIA (1954-7), GOVERNOR OF MACAU (1959-62), COMMANDER, EASTERN ZONE OF ANGOLA (1967-9). SINCE

1969 HAS BEEN SUBDIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. HAS NOT APPARENTLY SERVED WITH EITHER SPINOLA OR COSTA GOMES.

D) GENERAL MANUEL DIOGO NETO, (AGE 50): CHIEF, THIRD AIR REGION MOZAMBIQUE, AND YOUNGEST AIR FORCE GENERAL. SERVED UNDER SPINOLA IN GUINE (SEE LISBON A-37, MAR 20, 1974).

E) ANTONIO ALBA ROSA COUTINHO (AGE 48): CAREER NAVAL OFFICER, PRESENTLY COMMANDING OFFICER FRIGATE ALMIRANTE PEREIRA DA SILVA. FROM 1964-73 SERVED WITH NAVAL FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE.

F) COL. CARLOS GALVAO DE MELO (AGE 53): RESERVE AIR FORCE COLONEL. REPORTEDLY PASSED INTO RESERVE STATUS IN 1966 AT OWN REQUEST OVER DISAGREEMENT WITH GOP POLICY IN MOZAMBIQUE WHERE HE THEN SERVING.

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